

LOCAL COUNCIL CHARTER - Name

WHEREAS, children with serious emotional disturbances have unique abilities, concerns and diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, serious emotional disturbances interfere with the vital development and maturation of our state's most important resource - its children; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate treatment of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances is cost-effective because it enhances productivity, reduces utilization of more costly and invasive service, lessens social dependence and family disruption; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho desires to establish a comprehensive, community-based system of care emphasizing the natural support that families and peers provide; and

WHEREAS, these families would benefit from individualized services which are acceptable and accountable to them and others in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families have the right to, and responsibility for, ongoing participation in determining their destiny at the direct service level and at the policy and planning level; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has set forth its policy for the provision of these services in the Idaho Code ▪ 16-2401, Children's Mental Health Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Idaho has established the Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health (ICCMH) to provide state level leadership in the development of an integrated system of care for children with mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Council on Children's Mental Health (ICCMH) has established Regional Councils to provide regional level leadership in the development of an integrated system of care for children with mental health needs; and

WHEREAS the establishment of locally based councils are integral to the effective and efficient development of an integrated system of care for children with mental health needs; and

WHEREAS a group of concerned and like-minded community members have joined together for the purpose of developing a local integrated system of care for children with mental health needs and desire consideration as a part of the regional and statewide integrated system of care;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS REGIONAL COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH does hereby grant charter to the Name Local Council on Children's Mental Health.

The Local Council responsibilities shall be:

To implement a comprehensive, coordinated, community-based system of care in the local area, emphasizing the natural support that families and peers provide, identify challenges and make recommendations on the provision of access to treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation services for children with serious emotional disturbances; and

To serve as a vehicle for local agency coordination and collaborative program development; and

To establish child and family specific case planning according to resources, population, need and geographic considerations; and

To conduct operations consistent with ICCMH standards and guidelines; and

To promote the identified specific key duties, powers, goals, and outcomes to be achieved to the local community; and

To evaluate and make recommendations regarding the funding and delivery of children's mental health services locally; and

To work together in good faith, consistent with statute and administrative rule, to:

- Ensure parents are full partners in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the system of care.
- Ensure that children with serious emotional disturbance and their families receive the highest priority access to services and timely collaborative, individualized case planning.
- Share commitment to responsibility and values for children and families with multiple needs.
- Share planning, training, development and funding of services and system of care with clearly defined roles for individual agencies and families.
- Open communication through the sharing of aggregate data, policies and strategic decision-making regarding the local system of care.

To develop, define, and annually review the Name Local Council on Children's Mental Health bylaws that must address at a minimum:

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Council membership shall be composed of representatives from the following. The Regional Council must approve and document any deviation from this required membership.

- 1. Parent** - defined as the legally responsible party for a minor child eligible for local council case staffing and reviews. For membership on the Name Local Council on Children's Mental Health, agencies (the Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Juvenile Correction, etc.) with legal custody of such a minor child are excluded in this definition.
- 2. County Probation**
- 3. The Department of Health and Welfare**
- 4. The Department of Juvenile Corrections**
- 5. Local School District(s) Representative(s)**

The Name Local Council on Children's Mental Health may add additional members, in a manner consistent with the bylaws, and should strongly consider (when no conflict of interest or roles allow):

1. Judiciary

2. Law Enforcement

3. Elected Official

4. Provider of children's mental health services

5. Parent Advocate - defined as:

- a) Affiliated - An individual selected by a group organized toward advocacy for the needs, issues, support, and education of families with children mental health issues. The individual must have the authority to commit the group's services and resources.
- b) Non-Affiliated - A parent whose child is no longer eligible for local council case staffing and review who advocates for the needs, issues, support, and education of families with children's mental health issues.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parents participating on the Local Council have the opportunity to actively guide service-planning activities. They also provide a unique perspective on issues and concerns of families with children with serious emotional disturbance. The bylaws will describe how parents will be full partners in membership.

COUNCIL GENERAL OPERATIONS

Council bylaws, at a minimum, must address:

- Leadership Positions, Selection Procedures, Terms, and Responsibilities
- Decision Making Protocols
- Case Staffing Procedures
- Confidentiality
- Parental Consent Requirements
- Identify a representative to the Regional Council
- Record keeping requirements/ data collection
- Agreement to work with the ICCMH and Regional Councils in the ongoing evaluation of the local system of care.

Chair, Region # Council on Children's Mental Health

Dated this ____ day of ____, 2002